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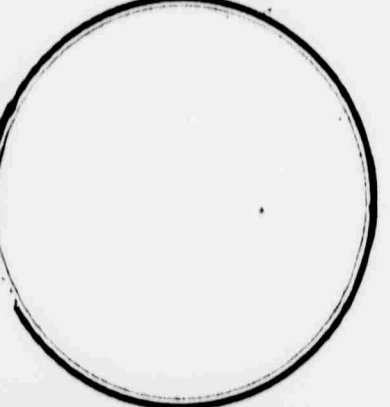
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MAYOR SMITH INTERVIEWED.

**Talks Interestingly on the Needs of Day-
tona.—Wants to Turn Fire Appa-
ratus Over to Company K.**

Mayor Smith, who is ever on the alert to the best interests of the city, and whose official capacity has made several valuable suggestions to the city council, in regard to the betterment of conditions here generally was yesterday interviewed by a News representative.

Mr. Smith said if the matter of bonding the city for improvements was put intelligently before the people, he had no the slightest idea but what the vote in favor of bonds would be overwhelming. He thought that the Lewis & Kitchen system was the most practicable; and when the matter is put before the public at a meeting in the future, which the council proposes to do, he is of the opinion that every one would be satisfied with its workings. The mayor said the city should by all means have the waterworks and sewerage system, because it meant the health and betterment of this community. He said that the town was backward in this respect, and something should be done before an epidemic broke out here.

The matter of building sidewalks was also discussed, and the city's chief ex-

ecutive was of the opinion that the council was biting off more than they could chew right at this time of the year. He said that if the sidewalks were torn up, there would be no room for pedestrians, and with the speeding of automobiles, it would make the scene altogether too dangerous, and that he intended to object to such a movement from the start.

The subject of road building and the improving of thoroughfares in this city was spoken of. Mayor Smith thinks there should be something done towards the betterment of the streets and as the city has a rock crusher and several rollers, he sees no good reason why a start towards improving the roads could not be made.

The matter of fire protection, Mayor Smith thinks its totally inadequate to cope with the situation. This, he says, is due to a poor water supply and the kind of apparatus the town has. He thinks if the local Military Company was given the power to use the apparatus, and when efficient service was done, \$50 as a fee should be given them from the city.

ARMORY WILL NOT BE SOLD.

A Contract Was Closed Last Night Between County Commissioners and the State of Florida.

At last night's meeting of the County Commissioners held at DeLand, Lieut.-Col. Bingham, Major John B. Parkinson and T. E. Fitzgerald appeared before that body and an adjustment was made between the County Commissioners and the State Military authorities for the use of the Armory by the local militia. A lease was drawn up and signed this morning, giving the State exclusive use of the building at a monthly rental of \$20.

Sanitary Conditions of Midway.

Sanitary officer Roberts reports the city in fairly good condition, existing under the present circumstances. Mr. Roberts says, that in Midway there is a big improvement while Mayor Smith said that he recently made a personal inspection of that thriving suburb, and he was surprised at the good improvement.

The City's New Books.

The new set of books for the municipality of Daytona is now in the hands of the makers, and it is expected that they will be delivered by January 1st. The books will cost upwards of \$400. Under the system any person can go to the City Hall after the second of each month and tell the exact condition of any of the city's funds. The new books will be a great improvement over the old ones, and will be welcomed by every one who has dealings with the city.

Assessed Valuation of Volusia Property

The valuation of Volusia county property increased this year \$573,200.6 over that of last year. The total assessed valuation of the county for 1904 was \$3,822,636; this year it is \$4,396,842. This valuation exceeds any before the freezes. Property in Florida for taxation is assessed at about one-third its value. The real value of the property of the county, therefore, is over \$13,000,000.

A new bulletin board has been erected at the station, thereby giving more room for the time and information of trains.

It is announced that Mrs. Helen Wilman Post will leave shortly for Los Angeles, Calif. where she expects to locate.

The work of ballasting the Florida East Coast Railway with rock, between Jacksonville and St. Augustine, is underway and before the winter schedule is put on they expect to have the thirty-seven miles complete. A faster schedule will be maintained between Jacksonville and St. Augustine.

ACTIVE SCENE AT MIAMI.

Fleet of Barges and Steamboats Will Arrive This Week From Mobile For Extension Work.

All eyes of the state for the present and for some time to come will be directed on Miami and the work of constructing the great extension of the Florida East Coast Railway. That city and its vicinity present a busy appearance, and the indications are that it will continue.

The Miami Metropolis in speaking of the fleet of crafts that will arrive there this week has the following:

"Capt. Steve Bravo, of the steamer Biscayne, who went to Mobile several days ago to bring here a steamer purchased by the F. E. C. Railway for use in the extension operations, is expected to arrive in port during the present week with the steamer St. Lucie.

The St. Lucie was previously owned in Florida and was operated on the Indian River between Titusville and Jupiter, the southern terminus of the run. She is on the order of the Biscayne, though considerably larger.

The present week, or next ten days, the weather permitting, a number of steamers, tugs and barges recently purchased by the F. E. C. Railway from points on the west coast, mainly Mobile and on the Mississippi river, will have arrived in port and increased its already lively appearance.

There are said to be a large number of these vessels—five or six large stern wheeled steamers, three or four tugs, a dozen or more barges and several dredges, all of which are for use in the building of the unique railroad "across the sea." The steamers are intended to carry material south for the construction of the road bed and bridges, the first consignments of which are now arriving; the tugs are to tow the barges loaded with water and material, while the dredges are to assist in preparing the channels and improving the waterway expenses over which the trestles will cross.

When this immense fleet arrives, adding to that already in use, the accommodations at the terminal dock will be insufficient for them and the vessels of the P. & O. steamers, which must necessarily use it, and in consequence the river dock of the railroad company will come into use, but even that will be crowded.

The work of building the extension is just now getting under good headway and the next few weeks, or months at the outside, will see operations materially advanced and the actual building of the trestles under way.

Work has begun on the third story of the new Hendricks Block. It was the original intention of the owner to only erect a two story building, but he finds that he can get tenants for the other floor, and hence the change in his plans.

AUTO CLUB HOLDS MEETING.

Encouraging Reports Received from W. J. Morgan.—President Asa Paine in Attendance.

The Florida East Coast Automobile Club, held an interesting meeting last evening, at the club's headquarters at the beach. The attendance was fair considering the inclement weather.

Mr. Asa Paine of Minneapolis Minn., the new president was present, and he was warmly welcomed by every member there.

Reports received from Senator W. J. Morgan, the promoter, were to the effect that great interest was being manifested in the East and the list of entries will be the largest ever known.

The organization has 141 members and the next regular meeting will be held the first Monday in January.

Reclaiming the Everglades.

The Times-Union in speaking of the new dredges to be used in the work of reclaiming the Everglades, among other things says:

"All of the machinery for these two dredges was purchased by Governor Broward last summer, while he was in Chicago, and has been shipped down the east coast, where the hulls are to be built, to the west of the bridge of the F. E. C. Railway, where the road crosses New River. The dredge will work up New River, through the Everglades, toward Lake Okechobee.

"The lumber for constructing the hulls of the dredges has been shipped down the east coast and the work of putting the hulls together and setting the machinery in place will be done by the Merrill-Stevens Engineering Company of this city.

"Each of the dredges will be equipped with dipper buckets, having a capacity of 4 1/2 cubic yards, and the machinery will be capable of operating these dipper buckets so as to make a dip every forty-five seconds.

"On account of the dredges being of greater width than the opening in the drawbridges over the New River and the St. Lucie River, it has been found necessary to build the hulls and erect the machinery for the dredges to the west of the draw bridges. One of the dredges will be named the Okechobee, and the other will be named the Everglades. Other dredges of the same general style will be built for the great drainage work at an early date.

"The work is to be done under the general supervision of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida."

Pipe has been laid on Myrtle street for the drainage of that thoroughfare.

D. Monks the curio man is engaged in painting the exterior of his store on Beach street, and he expects to open up for business on Thursday.

GETTING READY FOR THE CROWDS.

Hotels Beginning to Open and a Scene of General Activity.—F. E. C. Ry. Makes Improvements.

That Daytona will experience a large tourist season, or the largest one in the history of this resort town, is a foregone conclusion.

For some weeks past, there has been a scene of activity in getting ready for our northern friends and as each day passes, one or more hotels are opening in order to accommodate the increasing crowds.

Not only is Daytona making preparations, but Seabreeze, Daytona Beach, Ormond and the resorts down the coast are putting on their winter frocks.

Daytona offers many inducements to the tourist public and for this reason our city is among the first of the resort towns to fill.

The Florida East Coast Railway Company has done much to assist the town in bringing the crowds here, by fast trains and convenient schedules and they too are keeping pace with the times.

During the past summer and up to the present time, the locomotives have been dismembered and every piece thoroughly cleaned and tested, receiving repairs where necessary. For several weeks past these engines have been turned out of the shop at the rate of one a week and

soon the last of them will be again on the rails and in the pink of condition.

Many of the coaches have been repainted and upholstered. They are in as good condition as new.

In addition to placing the equipment of the road in perfect condition, the road is making large additions to its rolling stock. Three new sleepers have been ordered and are expected to arrive here in the course of a few weeks. Ten new coaches, each seventy feet long have also been ordered, and will also be added to the equipment.


The Florida East Coast Railway has been developing like magic, and it now ranks among the very best in the country. In every department it is up to date, and the road bed is one of the smoothest in the United States. The service is unsurpassed and traveling on this road is robbed of most of the discomfort encountered on many other roads.

Year by year the equipment has been increased, but none too much for the continual increase of business and the coming winter promises to furnish sufficient business for the additional rolling stock.

A Poem for Today

WIND AND SEA

By Bayard Taylor



THE sea is a jovial comrade;
He laughs wherever he goes;
His merriment shines in the dimpling lines
That wrinkle his hale repose;
He lays himself down at the feet of the sun
And shakes all over with glee,
And the broad backed billows fall faint on the shore
In the mirth of the mighty sea.


But the wind is sad and restless
And cursed with an inward pain.
You may bark as you will by valley or hill,
But you hear him still complain.
He wails on the barren mountains
And shrieks on the wintry sea;
He sobs in the cedar and moans in the pine
And shudders all over the aspen tree.

Welcome are both their voices,
And I know not which is best—
The laughter that slips from the ocean's lips
Or the comfortless wind's unrest.
There's a pang in all rejoicing,
A joy in the heart of pain,
And the wind that saddens, the sea that gladdens,
Are slinging the selfsame strain.

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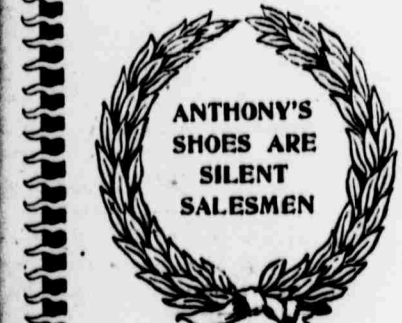
By Ella Wheeler Wilcox



YOU never can tell when you send a word—
Like an arrow shot from a bow
By an archer blind—be it cruel or kind,
Just where it will chance to go.
It may pierce the heart of your dearest friend,
Tipped with its poison or balm;
To a stranger's heart in life's great mart
It may carry its pain or its calm.

You never can tell when you do an act
Just what the result will be,
But with every deed you are sowing a seed,
Though its harvest you may not see.
Each kindly act is an acorn dropped
In God's productive soil;
Though you may not know, yet the tree shall grow
And shelter the brows that toil.

You never can tell what your thoughts will do
In bringing you hate or love,
For thoughts are things, and their airy wings
Are swifter than carrier dove.
They follow the law of the universe—
Each thing must create its kind—
And they speed o'er track to bring you back
Whatever went out from your mind.



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